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October 26, 1956

Dear Dave :

I am very grateful to Jean and yourself for accomodating a weary traveller. In addition, the evening was very pleasant. I had to run to get aboard my flight— I hope it wasn't too much trouble to you to find me gone from the NWA counter.

Here is a bibliography on Bill Stone; you can get his vita from A/M/S. He told me he put a number of abstracts down as indices of his interest more than marks of performance.

It is a little hard for me to pass an opinion on him, for the same reason that he might do well to leave Madison for a while, namely that it is difficult for him to develop a reputation independent of Professor Irwin's; inevitably that will cramp his style, though I'm sure Irwin will be desolated if Bill does leave. Now he could develop a research program in mammalian genetics with non-agricultural animals you would have to work out with him. He is a very undevious fellow; you should get an accurate impression of his ability in a few hours' acquaintance.

I know that Jim Neel was very much interested in Bill. but didn't dare offer what he had available (Gershowitz' present job); you can do what you want with that nugget of information, though I do hope you all can get over being the "minnows".

I hope you will be discreet enough to leave my name out of any discussion; I don't think Irwin would ever forgive me if he thought I were encouraging Bill to leave. I did think I owed it to Bill to mention your opening, and he himself seemed interested enough in the prospect to furnish the enclosure at my suggestion.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

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